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From the President

"I can't understand why people are frightened by new ideas. I'm frightened by old ones."

--John Cage

Colleagues:

January and the New Year begin, and with the new year comes the beginning of my term as President of your Medical Staff at Lehigh Valley Hospital and Muhlenberg Hospital Center. I feel greatly honored that you have selected me to be your President. I look forward to the responsibility that this office presents, but also feel some dread at the expectation of two years in the "line of fire." I am fortunate to have available to me Bob Murphy, our now past-president, for his sage advice and counsel as well as his sharp political sensibilities. We are all privileged to have Ed Mullin as our President-elect. Ed brings a great deal of maturity, experience, and calm thoughtfulness to Troika, and I'm sure that his advice and leadership skills will be a great asset to me and to all of us over the next six years.

I've devoted considerable time and thought over the past year to the goals and vision which I hope to follow during my term as your President. I'll be outlining these in the upcoming months. Suffice it to say now that I feel that our independent medical staff **and** the hospital administration should work

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together in a collaborative manner to support the goals of a vital and progressive hospital organization which values and is dependent on its physicians to provide the highest quality patient care for our patients and our community. I hope as one of my goals during my term to be able to foster this spirit of collaboration. Bob, Ed, and I will continue to represent the concerns of the medical staff to the administration and the board, as well as helping to deliver the administration's and board's message to the medical staff.

Over the next six months, I hope to be able to meet with many of you to hear your views and suggestions. I look forward to working with all of you who share my view that we need to build a more collaborative relationship with the hospital administration. I'll be in the Medical Staff President's office on the second floor at Cedar Crest & I-78 every Monday afternoon from 1 to 3:30 p.m., to meet with any staff member who wishes to schedule an appointment.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Bob Murphy for all of his help over the past two years. He has successfully guided the efforts of the Medical Staff Transition team in its effort to accomplish the merger of the Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH) and Muhlenberg Hospital Center (MHC) medical staffs. Our first combined medical staff meeting was held on December 17, 1998. At this meeting, the new bylaws for the combined medical staff were approved by both staffs thus accomplishing the formal merger of our staffs. Bob promised me that he would accomplish this task before I assumed the presidency, and I thank him for this. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank John Castaldo for all of his help, advice, wise counsel, and commitment to the medical staff at LVH. John has done an exceptional job over the past six years. We are all very lucky to have had John help to lead our medical staff, and I'm personally very grateful for John's help, support and advice.

I'd like to welcome and look forward to working with Drs. Linda Blose, John Lang, John Mannisi, and Hugo Twaddle as the new "at large" members of the Medical Executive Committee representing Muhlenberg Hospital Center. These physicians were elected at the December 17 General Medical Staff Meeting.

As I begin my term, I ask for your support, patience, and understanding. You've elected me to be your President, and I view this as a great honor. I've been in Allentown for 22 years now and hope that I've learned something about

the political climate of our medical community. I hope that with this understanding, I'll be able to represent all of you to the best of my ability. I'm sure I won't always be right, but hopefully with your support and advice, I'll be right more than I'm wrong. I'll depend on Bob and Ed to help with the difficult decisions which will confront us over the next two years.

Finally, I'd like to ask each of you, if given the opportunity as President of the Medical Staff at LVH/MHC, to think of one thing which you would do as your first priority. Please communicate these "wishes" to me either via e-mail, regular mail, or in the hallways in person. Such a list of "wishes" will help Troika set its priorities for the next two years.

Again, I'd like to wish all of you a happy, healthy, and prosperous 1999. With your help, we can move ahead to the millennium as the Medical Staff of a strong, vibrant, successful hospital which provides outstanding care to all of our patients.



David M. Caccese, MD
Medical Staff President

Medical Staff Leadership Changes Hands

Effective January 1, 1999, leadership of the Medical Staff changes hands as **David M. Caccese, MD**, begins his term as President, and **Edward M. Mullin, Jr., MD**, begins his term as President-elect.

Please note that all mail to Dr. Caccese, relating to his position as President, should be sent to Medical Staff Services, Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78. Mail relating to patient matters should continue to be sent to Dr. Caccese's patient office at 401 N. 17th Street, Suite 201, Allentown, PA 18104-5085.

Mail for Dr. Mullin should continue to be sent to his patient office at 1240 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 310, Allentown, PA 18103-6218.

In addition, mail for **Robert X. Murphy, Jr., MD**, who stepped down as President, should be sent to his patient office at 1230 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 204, Allentown, PA 18103-6212.

Medical Staffs Vote to Approve Bylaws for Common Medical Staff

At a history-making, combined meeting of the Medical Staffs of Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH) and Muhlenberg Hospital Center (MHC) on December 17, both staffs overwhelmingly voted to approve the bylaws which will serve as the Bylaws of the Common Medical Staff. Following Board approval of these Bylaws, which will be acted upon in January, the reorganization of the staff will take place, acting as a unified body.

Also at the meeting, **Edward M. Mullin, Jr., MD**, urologist, was elected to serve as the Medical Staff President-elect for a two-year term (see article below). In addition, four at-large members were elected to represent MHC on the Medical Executive Committee. The four at-large members include: **Linda K. Blose, MD**, Internal Medicine; **John B. Lang, DO**, Anesthesia; **John A. Mannisi, MD**, Cardiology; and **Hugo N. Twaddle, MD**, Internal Medicine.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of plaques to both **Robert X. Murphy, Jr., MD**, LVH Medical Staff President, and **John B. Lang, DO**, MHC Medical Staff President, in recognition of their service as Medical Staff Presidents.

A reception was held following the meeting to celebrate the merger of the two Medical Staffs.

Urologist to Serve as President-Elect

Edward M. Mullin, Jr., MD, urologist, was recently nominated and elected to serve as Medical Staff President-elect for a two-year term beginning January 1, 1999.

Dr. Mullin joined the Medical Staff in 1976, and is Chief of the Division of Urology. He has served on a number of hospital committees including Medical Executive Committee, and is Past Chairperson of the Medical Records Committee.

A graduate of Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons, Dr. Mullin completed his surgical residency at Massachusetts General Hospital, followed by a urology residency and fellowship at Duke University Medical Center.

Dr. Mullin is certified by the American Board of Urology.

He is a member of Urologic Associates of Allentown, Inc., located at 1240 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 310, Allentown, PA 18103-6218.

Dr. Mullin and his wife, Patricia, are the parents of five children – Teresa (deceased), Edward, Susan, Elizabeth, and Timothy.

Area Businessman Donates \$6 Million to Lehigh Valley Hospital

Long-time Lehigh Valley resident, farmer, and businessman Fred J. Jaindl has pledged to contribute \$6 million to Lehigh Valley Hospital, the largest single gift ever to the hospital. The gift will be applied to construction costs of the hospital's new east building, which is scheduled to open in January, 2000 at Cedar Crest & I-78. The building will be named the Fred Jaindl Family Pavilion.

"In this holiday season of giving, Fred Jaindl shows us his extraordinary commitment to our community," said Elliot J. Sussman, MD, President and Chief Executive Officer. "His generosity is unparalleled, and we are thrilled to name our new building in honor of him and his family."

"The Lehigh Valley community has always been very good to the Jaindl family. We are pleased to be able, due to success in our personal investments, to make a donation that will benefit the people where we live and work," Fred Jaindl said. "We chose Lehigh Valley Hospital to be the recipient of this gift because it provides excellent medical care and contributes millions of dollars in charitable care every year. As a family, we are impressed with that commitment because we believe everyone in our community should have access to superior and affordable health care."

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The Jaindl family has been farming in the Lehigh Valley for 60 years. Fred and Ann Jaindl have eight children and 14 grandchildren.

"Fred Jaindl is considered by many to be Pennsylvania's leading farmer," said Kathryn P. Taylor, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network. "This is another example of planting a seed that will take root and flourish, providing a lasting health care resource to the people of the Lehigh Valley."

The five-story, 230,000 sq. ft. building will complete the consolidation of acute inpatient beds at Cedar Crest & I-78, and will include several ambulatory diagnostic services. Inpatient services in the new building will include medical and surgical intensive care units, shock trauma/neurology intensive care unit, labor and delivery, neonatal intensive care, and newborn nursery. Ambulatory testing services will include the neurophysiology lab, heart station, pre-admission testing, outpatient lab, pulmonary lab and sleep center, and nuclear medicine.

Chronic Disease Process Coordinator Facilitates CHF Operations Improvement Project

Under the direction of David M. Caccese, MD, Chief, Division of General Internal Medicine, the Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) Operations Improvement (O/I) project continues to progress. The CHF O/I program goals are to reduce inpatient hospital costs and length of stay; improve coordination of inpatient, outpatient, and home care; improve communication between the patient, the family and the primary care physician; and reduce emergency room visits and readmissions. The most important goal is the rapid return of the patient to his or her optimum health and functional status. As stated in the August, 1998 issue of ***Medical Staff Progress Notes***, the CHF Clinical Treatment Pathway was revised, and standardized pre-printed admission orders are available.

Recently, several additional strategies have been implemented. In November, Wendy Robb, RN, MSN, CCRN, joined the Care Management Systems Department as the Chronic Disease Process Coordinator. Her role is to design processes for managing care of our chronic disease patient population across the health care continuum, beginning with the CHF Project, and moving on to other high risk populations. She has been communicating with physicians, physician offices, patient care specialists, patient care coordinators, clinical resource managers, and home care to facilitate a collaborative team effort in the development of the patient's plan of care.

In addition, Helen Smithson, RN, a former ACU nurse and Clinical Resource Manager, has been named as CHF Clinical Resource Manager. Her role includes management of the discharge needs of all identified CHF patients in the hospital, referral to CHF Home Care Program, when appropriate, and collection of key indicators. It is expected this will expedite the discharge process, increase continuity across the health care continuum, and assist with meeting the patients' post-hospitalization needs.

The CHF Home Care Program, under the direction of Paula Stillman, MD, Medical Advisor, is rapidly expanding. The program is designed to provide personalized extended care to patients with CHF in the home setting by specially trained cardiac nurses. The program is fully operational with no geographical limitations. Currently, there are close to 100 patients enrolled in the program, and preliminary outcome data is expected in early 1999.

For more information regarding the program, please contact Wendy Robb at 402-5015 or beeper #8480, Helen Smithson at beeper #3379, or Paula Stillman, MD, at 402-7394.

The Document Management Committee recently approved a revision to forms DO-115-1 and DO-115-2 Post Carotid Endarterectomy Protocol (a two-page order set). The revised forms are available through the Pick/Pack program.

Low Molecular Weight Heparin Protocol for Outpatient Treatment of Adult Venous Thromboembolism

In clinical trials, enoxaparin (Lovenox), a low molecular weight heparin (LMWH), has been demonstrated to be a safe and effective therapeutic regimen for the outpatient treatment of acute venous thromboembolism (see references 1-4). Based on this evidence, Mark D. Cipolle, MD, David M. Caccese, MD, and Gary G. Nicholas, MD, assisted by a multi-disciplinary task force, have developed a protocol for the treatment of patients diagnosed with venous thromboembolism (VTE) using LMWH. The protocol was approved by the Therapeutics Committee in October and by the Medical Executive Committee in December. This is a cost-effective option for selected adult patients.

Initially, patients will be admitted to Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH) to establish the diagnosis and initiate therapy. They will be discharged as soon as the physician deems appropriate and then will complete the course of subcutaneous injections of enoxaparin q12h at home. Success requires coordination between physicians, nursing, pharmacy, clinical resource managers (CRM), and home health services.

Adults over the age of 18 with diagnosed lower extremity VTE without extension of the clot into the ileo-caval system are candidates. Patients who meet any of the following **exclusion criteria** are not candidates and should be admitted for conventional heparin therapy. These include: pulmonary embolism, two or more prior episodes of VTE or PE, coagulopathy, active bleeding from any source, active peptic ulcer disease, history of hemorrhagic CVA, known intracranial neoplasm, known arteriovenous malformation, phlegmasia (inflammatory process resulting in severe edema), end stage renal disease (creatinine clearance ≤ 30 ml/min), hepatic failure, obesity (weight >150 kg), or pregnancy.

Enoxaparin in therapeutic doses of 1 mg/kg SQ will be given STAT upon admission and then q12h. In addition, Warfarin may be initiated Day 1. A standardized order set will be available which includes baseline and daily protime/INR, baseline CBC, and platelets every 48 hours while on enoxaparin. The CRM will initiate planning for home health services and will coordinate provision of the appropriate supplies with the appropriate Lehigh Valley Hospital Pharmacy. The inpatient pharmacy will require a prescription to dispense enough prepared syringes of enoxaparin to complete the treatment regimen. The patient may be discharged as soon as arrangements are completed.

Lehigh Valley Home Care has participated in all aspects of this protocol development and has a Nursing Process Standard in place to assure optimum follow-up. The nurse will visit the patient the day of discharge and every 12 hours thereafter to administer the enoxaparin or to instruct appropriate patients to self-administer. If the patient can independently inject the enoxaparin, the nurse will visit daily. Assessments at each visit will focus on adverse outcomes including extension of the VTE, development of pulmonary embolism, indications of bleeding, or occurrence of drug side effects. Significant findings will be reported to the physician immediately. Patients will be homebound due to restricted activity related to the VTE.

Lehigh Valley Home Care will discharge the patient when the enoxaparin therapy is completed and the patient is able to go to the physician's office or an outpatient laboratory for protimes. In addition, the Lehigh Valley Home Care nurse will telephone the patient weekly for four weeks, then monthly until anticoagulant therapy is completed to collect outcome information. This data will allow the multidisciplinary group and Therapeutics Committee to assess the safety and effectiveness of this program.

A standard order set is available. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Patricia Matula, RN, Outcomes Coordinator for Patient Care Services, beeper #1289; Rebecca Hockman, PharmD, Clinical Pharmacy Services, beeper #1609, or Daria Stephens, RN, Lehigh Valley Home Care, beeper #7914.

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Pool Trust Approves \$7 Million in Grants

The Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust recently awarded a grant of about \$130,000 to LVH's Department of Pediatrics and Lehigh University to conduct a follow-up evaluation of an intervention designed to help young children at risk for attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). It was one of 18 grants with a combined total of nearly \$7 million approved by the Trust this fall.

The other approved grants include:

- Community Services for Children, Inc./LVH Department of Community Health and Health Studies.-Early Head Start Family Place, Training Institute and Program Evaluation
- Parents of Down's Syndrome-Eastern Pennsylvania Down's Syndrome Center
- Jenn's House
- AIDS Outreach/LVH AIDS Activities Office-Voucher System for Nonreimbursable Support Services and Tracking Patient Services and Outcomes
- AIDSNET-Improving Housing for People with HIV/AIDS
- LVHHN Planning Grant for the Circulatory Center
- LVH Department of Community Health Studies-ALERT Partnership
- LVHHN Physician Leadership Development Program
- LVH Department of Medicine-Chief, General Internal Medicine Discretionary Fund
- LVHHN Geriatrics Program Support
- Allentown Public Library-Pool Trust Good Health Library
- LVH Center for Educational Development and Support-Nursing and General Staff Education
- LVH George M. Moerkirk Emergency Medicine Institute-METI Human Medical Patient Simulator
- LVHHN Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention-Lowering of Vascular Atherosclerotic Risk (LOVAR) Study
- LVHHN-External Consultation and Review for LVH Endowed Chairs
- LVHHN Department of Community Health and Health Studies-Healthcare Forum "Creating Healthier Communities Fellowship 1999-2000"

- LVHHN Department of Community Health and Health Studies and the United Way- "Healthy Communities Initiative: Institute for the Development of Healthy Community"

"Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network and our community are blessed with the generosity of the Pool Trust in helping to further Mr. Pool's vision for healthier communities," said Elliot J. Sussman, MD, LVHHN's President and CEO.

The Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust was founded in 1976 by the estate of Leonard Parker Pool, and named for his wife, Dorothy Rider Pool. The Trust serves as a resource to enable LVH to be a superior regional hospital and to improve the health of the citizens of the Lehigh Valley.

As of summer 1998, the Trust's assets exceeded \$100 million. The Trust has awarded a total of \$12 million in grants in calendar year 1998. The four core areas of program support include improved health status of the citizens of the region, regional leadership in health affairs, educational program development and health services research.

Congratulations!

Robert O. Atlas, MD, Section of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, has become certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology in Maternal-Fetal Medicine.

Jenni Levy, MD, Division of General Internal Medicine/Ambulatory Care, was recently elected to the Executive Council of the Association for Research and Education in Substance Abuse.

Patrice M. Weiss, MD, Division of Primary Obstetrics and Gynecology, was recently informed that she fulfilled all the necessary requirements and has become certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Papers, Publications and Presentations

Raymond A. Fritz, Jr., DPM, Section of Foot and Ankle Surgery, recently presented "Foot Problems Commonly Seen in the Special Warfare Community" at the Special Operations Medical Conference sponsored by the Special Operations Medical Association. The conference was held at the Hyatt Regency Tampa at Tampa City Center, Florida, from December 8 to 11.

Mark A. Gittleman, MD, Division of General Surgery, was invited as a faculty member for the American College of Surgeons Post-Graduate Course, "Image-Guided Breast Biopsy," held in Phoenix, Ariz., from December 3 to 5. Dr. Gittleman lectured on "Interventional Breast Ultrasound" and conducted workshops on stereotactic and ultrasound-guided breast biopsy.

Herbert L. Hyman, MD, Division of Gastroenterology, recently gave a lecture, "Spirituality & Medicine," sponsored by the Institute of Christian & Jewish Studies, which was held at Muhlenberg College on December 2. The program was well attended by area clergy and medical professionals.

"The Relationship Between Myocardial Infarction, Depression, Hostility and Mortality" was accepted for publication in the *American Heart Journal*. The authors include **Michael W. Kaufmann, MD**, Chairperson, Department of Psychiatry; **John P. Fitzgibbons, MD**, Chairperson, Department of Medicine; **Elliot J. Sussman, MD**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Division of General Internal Medicine; **James F. Reed III, PhD**, Director, Health Services Research; **Jeaninne M. Einfalt, DO**, Division of General Internal Medicine; **Joanne Rodgers, RN**, and **Gregory Fricchione, MD**, Harvard Medical School.

Peter A. Keblish, Jr., MD, Chief, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, was a member of the invited faculty of the Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Society Fall Scientific Meeting held in Hershey, Pa. Dr. Keblish presented papers titled "Revision Total Knee Arthroplasty: A Simplified Approach with Selective Component Replacement" and "Femoral Rotation Alignment Based on the Tibial Axis and Balanced Flexor Tension: Influence on Patella Tracking in TKA." The meeting was attended by over

150 members of the Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Society and included topics on both upper and lower extremity total joint arthroplasty.

Deborah N. Kimmel, MD, Division of Physical Medicine/Rehabilitation, and **Peggy E. Showalter, MD**, Department of Psychiatry, have had two poster presentations accepted for the Association of Academic Physiatrists Annual Meeting in February, 1999. The abstracts -- "Stimulation of Consciousness by Lamictal (Lamotrigine) in Low Level Patients with Acute Brain Injury" and "Responsiveness of Specific Agitated Symptoms to Depakote (Divalproex) in Acute Brain Injury" -- are scheduled to be printed in the April issue of the *American Journal of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*.

Stephen K. Klasko, MD, Chairperson, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and **Michael W. Kaufmann, MD**, Chairperson, Department of Psychiatry, were two of the authors of "Psychologic and Sexual Effects of Hysterectomy" which was published in the November, 1998 issue of *Primary Psychiatry*.

Stephen C. Matchett, MD, Division of Pulmonary Medicine, and **Zubina Mawji, MD**, Medical Resident, recently represented Lehigh Valley Hospital at the CHEST 1998 World Congress on Diseases of the Chest held in November in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. They participated in a poster session where they presented a review of patient outcomes and reduced resource utilization after implementation of the MICU chest x-ray protocol. Their abstract was published in Vol. 114, No. 4 of *CHEST*. Fellow investigators on the project included **Jay S. Cowen, MD**, **Jay H. Kaufman, MD**, and **Daniel E. Ray, MD**, from the Division of Pulmonary Medicine, and **Kathy Baker, RN**, Program Coordinator, MICU/SICU.

Susan D. Wiley, MD, Vice Chairperson, Department of Psychiatry, had an article, "Deception & Detection in Psychiatric Diagnosis," published in Vol. 21, No. 4, December 1998 issue of *Psychiatric Clinics of North America*.

Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

Medical Grand Rounds

Medical Grand Rounds are held every Tuesday beginning at noon in the hospital's Auditorium at Cedar Crest & I-78.

Topics to be discussed in January include:

- ◆ January 5 - Non-Heart Beating Organ Donors
- ◆ January 12 - Nutrition in Aging
- ◆ January 19 - Lung Transplantation in 1999 - Indications and Results
- ◆ January 26 - Dermatologic Manifestations of Systemic Disease

For more information, please contact Evalene Patten in the Department of Medicine at 402-1649.

Department of Pediatrics

Department of Pediatrics conferences are held on Fridays beginning at noon in the hospital's Auditorium at 17th & Chew.

Topics to be discussed in January include:

- ◆ January 8 - SIDS and Sleep Positions
- ◆ January 22 - Pediatric Oncologic Emergencies

For more information, please contact Kelli Ripperger in the Department of Pediatrics at 402-2540.

For Your Calendar!

1999 meetings of the LVH/MHC General Medical Staff will be held as follows:

- March 8 - MHC Banko Building Rooms 1 & 2
- June 14 - LVH Auditorium (Cedar Crest & I-78)
- September 13 - LVH Auditorium (Cedar Crest & I-78)
- December 13 - LVH Auditorium (Cedar Crest & I-78)

All meetings will begin at 6 p.m. Please plan to attend.

Who's New at LVH

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Appointments

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Status Change

Frank P. Matrone, DO
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From Provisional Active
to Provisional Affiliate

Russell B. Puschak, MD
Department of Pediatrics
Division of General Pediatrics
From Emeritus Active
to Honorary

Appointment to Medical Staff Leadership Position

Theodore G. Phillips, MD
Department of Surgery
Division of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery
Position: Medical Director of OHU/TOHU

Resignations

Stuart W. Braun, DO
Department of Family Practice
Provisional Active

John M. Brown, MD
Department of Pathology
Division of Clinical & Anatomic Pathology
Provisional Active

Allied Health Professionals**Appointments**

Judith Brooks, CRNP
Physician Extender
Professional - CRNP
(LVPG-Medicine - Yehia Y. Mishriki, MD)

Marsha K. Evans, CRNP
Physician Extender
Professional - CRNP
(LVPG-Neonatology - Ian M. Gertner, MD)

Neil B. Laudenslager, PA
Physician Extender
Physician Assistant - PA
(Orthopaedic Associates of Allentown - James C. Weis, MD)

Beatrice A. Oertner, RN
Physician Extender
Professional - RN
(The Heart Care Group, PC - Michael A. Rossi, MD)

Edwin M. Straub
Physician Extender
Technical
Surgical Technician
(Orthopaedic Associates of Allentown - Peter A. Keblish, Jr., MD)

Ronnie A. Tsopanis-Sellari, CRNP
Physician Extender
Professional - CRNP
(Center for Women's Medicine - James Balducci, MD)

Change of Supervising Physician

Lori A. Quick, PA-C
Physician Extender
Physician Assistant - PA-C
From: Orthopaedic Associates of Allentown - Peter A. Keblish, Jr., MD
To: Panebianco-Yip Heart Surgeons - Raymond L. Singer, MD

Correction

The December 1998 issue of **Medical Staff Progress Notes** incorrectly listed a change of supervising physician for Jayne Hatfield-Robinson, CRNP. Jayne's supervising physician continues to be Ian Gertner, MD (LVPG-Neonatology).

Resignations

Deborah A. Ellis
Physician Extender
Technical
(The Heart Care Group, PC)

Julie M. Gant, CRNA
Physician Extender
Professional - CRNA
(Allentown Anesthesia Associates Inc.)

Keith A. Holdren, PA-C
Physician Extender
Physician Assistant - PA-C
(Coordinated Health Systems)

Jacqueline L. Koury, CRNA
Physician Extender
Professional - CRNA
(Allentown Anesthesia Associates Inc.)

Pamela K. Repetz, RN
Physician Extender
Professional - RN
(Gynecologic Oncology Associates of LV, Inc.)

Steven T. Williams, CRNA
Physician Extender
Professional - CRNA
(Allentown Anesthesia Associates Inc.)

News from



Reminder from the Vascular Lab

In an effort to improve efficiency and avoid delays in reimbursement, the Vascular Lab at Muhlenberg Hospital Center is requesting the cooperation of referring/ordering physicians in obtaining the following information:

Procedure	Accepted Indications for Vascular Ultrasound	Non-Covered Indications Under Medicare Guidelines
Cerebrovascular Evaluation	TIA/CVA Aphasia/Dysphasia Cervical Bruits Syncope Amaurosis Fugax Post-Endarterectomy Follow-up	Diplopia Dizziness/Vertigo Evaluations of High Risk, Asymptomatic Patients
Arterial Evaluation	Claudication Rest Pain Monitor Progression of Arterial Disease Ulcers and/or Non-Healing Lesions Prediction of Wound Healing Baseline Study Prior to Vascular Surgery Level of Amputation	Diminished Pulses
Venous Evaluation	Edema Pain and Tenderness Ulceration Pulmonary Embolism Post Surgical Limb Swelling	Varicose Veins for Pre-op Evaluation History of Deep Vein Thrombosis History of Venous Insufficiency Symptoms of Superficial Thrombophlebitis
Dialysis Access Site Evaluation	Elevated Venous Pressures Limb Swelling Cannulation Difficulty Peri-graft Mass Re-circulation Percentage	

- ◆ Dizziness will be accepted if used in combination with a history of previous stenosis, TIA/CVA, and/or post-endarterectomy follow-up.
- ◆ A physician's written request is required. A patient referral form may be necessary per some insurance carriers.
- ◆ To schedule a procedure, contact Central Scheduling at Muhlenberg Hospital Center at (610) 861-2279.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Helene Oplinger, Director of Imaging Services, Muhlenberg Hospital Center, at (610) 861-7090.

Wound Care Center to Host Open House

The Wound Care Center® at Muhlenberg Hospital Center will be hosting an open house on Friday, January 15, 1999, from 2 to 6 p.m. Members of the Medical Staff are welcome to tour the temporary facility, meet the staff, learn more about this new service to how to refer patients with chronic non-healing wounds.

The Wound Care Center is located on the fourth floor in the inpatient building at Muhlenberg Hospital Center. Unique hand-outs and give-aways will be offered. Light refreshments will be served. Please plan to attend.

For additional information or to refer a patient with a chronic non-healing wound, please contact Peg Cowden, Program Director, at 882-2989.

Who's New at MHC

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Subsection of Cardiothoracic Surgery
Provisional Courtesy

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Subsection of Orthopedics
Provisional Active

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(610) 694-8111
Section of Medicine
Subsection of Cardiology
Provisional Active

Change of Status

Frank P. Matrone, DO
Section of Medicine
Subsection of Family Practice
From Courtesy to Affiliate

Robert M. Russo, DO
Section of Medicine
Subsection of Family Practice
From Courtesy to Affiliate

Howard S. Selden, DDS
Section of Surgery
Subsection of Endodontics
From Courtesy to Honorary

Ruth Ann Spears, MD
Section of Medicine
Subsection of Family Practice
From Courtesy to Affiliate

Leave of Absence

Patricia A. Ludwig, DMD
Section of Surgery
Subsection of Dentistry
Effective 9/17/98 for One Year

Change of Departmental Assignment

Robert M. Griffin, Jr., DO
Section of Medicine
From Subsection of Rheumatology
To Subsection of Internal Medicine

Carol Hunter, MD
From Section of Emergency Medicine
Subsection of Emergency Medicine
To Section of Medicine
Subsection of Family Practice

Resignations

Shahnaz Ahmed, MD
Section of Emergency Medicine
Subsection of Emergency Medicine
House Physician

Michael P. Banas, MD
Section of Surgery
Subsection of Orthopedics
Active

Hector Chavez, MD
Section of Emergency Medicine
Subsection of Emergency Medicine
House Physician

Greg L. Erdelyan, MD
Section of Surgery
Subsection of Thoracic Surgery
Active

Susan Kirchdoerffer, DO
Section of Medicine
Subsection of Family Practice
Provisional Courtesy

Jay Korngold, MD
Section of Emergency Medicine
Subsection of Emergency Medicine
House Physician

Karen M. Matz, MD
Section of Surgery
Subsection of Gynecology
Provisional Courtesy

W. Michael Morrissey, Jr., MD
Section of Emergency Medicine
Subsection of Emergency Medicine
House Physician

Jonathan P. Quevado, MD
Section of Psychiatry
Courtesy

George C. Rohrbach, DMD
Section of Surgery
Subsection of Dentistry
Courtesy

Konstantine Trichas, DDS
Section of Surgery
Subsection of Dentistry
Courtesy

Allied Health Professionals**Appointment**

Lynn Alyson Seagreaves, PA-C
Physician Extender
Physician Assistant
(Orthopedic Associates of Bethlehem)

Resignations

Sandra A. Bernstein, RN
Physician Extender
(David Schwendeman, MD)

Julie M. Gant, CRNA
Physician Extender - CRNA
(Allentown Anesthesia Associates Inc. - Domenico Falcone, MD)

Keith Holdren, PA-C
Physician Extender
Physician Assistant
(Coordinated Health Systems - Brett Godbout, MD)

Jonathan Honsel, CRNA
Physician Extender - CRNA
(Allentown Anesthesia Associates Inc. - Domenico Falcone, MD)

Alan Mason, PA-C
Physician Extender
Professional
(St. Luke's Employee for Orthopedic Associates of Bethlehem)

Edward Minger, PA-C
Physician Extender
Professional
(St. Luke's Employee for Orthopedic Associates of Bethlehem)

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December 18, 1998

Dear Colleague:

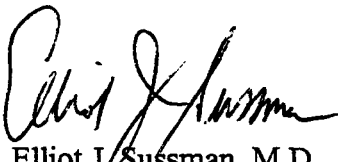
During this holiday season, we pause to reflect on our accomplishments this year on behalf of our community and to ponder the challenges that lie ahead. We have done much in 1998 to improve the quality, decrease the cost and increase access to our services and, thus, enhance the health of our neighbors.

It is only through our partnership that our health network is able to face the future with optimism in increasingly demanding and changing times. Together, we are united by our shared vision of a healthier community, and together, we find creative solutions to fulfill this sacred trust. While we face many threats to our ability to carry out our mission, we feel confident that our collective strength, talents and resolve will again prove to be our greatest resource, as they have this year and so many times in the past.

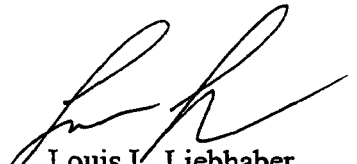
That is why, as we celebrate a century of caring for our community during the year ahead, we find comfort in the thought that we are walking the same rigorous path with the most talented people anywhere. We wouldn't want it any other way.

You are the reason that our region's health will be better tomorrow and in the next century than it was yesterday and is today, despite the obstacles we encounter along the way. On behalf of our Board of Trustees, senior management and the people we serve every day, we thank you for providing this ray of hope to inspire and guide us in the days ahead.

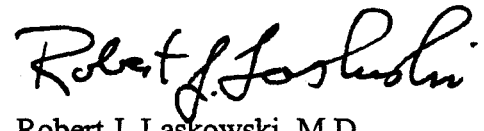
With our warmest wishes to you and your family for a Happy Holiday and Healthy 1999,



Elliot J. Sussman, M.D.
President and CEO



Louis L. Liebhaber
Chief Operating Officer



Robert J. Laskowski, M.D.
Chief Medical Officer

THE CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT

Continuing Education:

See the following calendar for all grand rounds and tumor boards.

News from the Library:

OVID/PubMed TRAINING.

To schedule a one-on-one OVID (MEDLINE) training session, call Barbara Iobst in the Health Sciences Library at 402-8408 between 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. Barbara can also instruct you in the use of PubMed, a free, Web-based MEDLINE service offered by the National Library of Medicine (NLM). The Web address for NLM is www.nlm.nih.gov.

Evidence Based Medicine Reviews

(EBMR): The Library recently acquired access to a new OVID database called "Evidence Based Medicine Reviews." EBMR provides content from the following sources: ACP Journal Club (a publication from the American College of Physicians), the journal titled "Evidence-Based Medicine," and partial contents from The Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews. When searching OVID, EBMR can be used as a limiting function (^G) or the database can be searched as a separate entity. "Best Evidence" is the last entry on the list of databases.

New Books - Cedar Crest & I-78.

"Evidence-Based Cardiology"
Author: S. Yusuf-WG 141 Y956e 1998

"Evidence-Based Medicine: How to Practice and Teach EBM"

Author: D. Sackett-WB 18.2 S119e 1997

"Quick Consult Manual of Evidence-Based Medicine"

Author: B. Lee - WB 34 Q4 1997

New Books - 17th & Chew.

"Contraceptive Technology," 17th ed

Author: R. Hatcher-WP 630 H361c 1998

"Clinics in Perinatology" (Dec 1998)

Topic: "Emerging Concepts in Perinatal Endocrinology"

Guest Editor: J. Strauss, et al.

"Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology"

(Dec 1998) Topics: "Premature Rupture of the Membranes & Perimenopause."

News from the Office of Educational Technology:

Internet Workshop:

An Internet workshop focusing on how best to use the internet to search and access relevant job related information will be held on January 12, 9:30 am - 12 Noon in the Morgan Cancer Center Suite 401. To register please e-mail Chris Sarley or phone him at 402-1641.

Faculty Development Program:

The Office of Educational Technology, in collaboration with department chairs and key faculty members, is expanding efforts to enhance the skills and principles needed for successful teaching, research, and personal and

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professional development of medical faculty, residents, and medical students. Based on a recent survey, faculty felt the most important development topic was clinical teaching improvement. This will be a primary focus as we begin our initiative. Many other topics were defined as being important to practicing physicians, and will be addressed as our program expands.

Plans include the formation of a Faculty Development Advisory Panel. This group will determine continuing education and training needs of our physician educators. They will give energy and direction to our faculty development program. We plan to support physicians in the areas of: Clinical practice, Life-long learning, Education/communication, Research, and Management. If you are interested in being part of the panel, please contact us.

We will also develop an Intranet resource to keep physicians informed of available faculty development resources. These resources will include on-line and in-house CME opportunities, workshops, books, references, Internet assets, and many other topics. It will be a starting point for physicians seeking professional and personal growth.

Plans also include participation in a Regional Faculty Development Consortium sponsored by the University of Massachusetts Community Faculty Development Center. The Regional Advisory Committee, representing 7 states and 13 medical schools, plans and conducts workshops and facilitates communication, curriculum development, and preceptor training. The Consortium provide a forum for all

institutions to share resources, research, and evaluation tools.

As we progress with our faculty development program, we will also use people within our organization who have specific expertise and can provide insight and knowledge to our faculty members. So if you hear a knock on your door, it may be the faculty development people looking for your help or you may volunteer to lend us your expertise. If you have any issues, concerns, or suggestions related to faculty development, we encourage you to contact Dean Shaffer at 402-0055. We are located in the CC- Library.

Focus on Biomedical Photography:

Biomedical Photography provides standard copy work of journals, x-rays, duplication of slides, studio set-ups of equipment, on-location photography, patient and surgical photography, scientific poster presentation preparation, and imaging or creation of PowerPoint presentations, which can also be made into slides, overhead or hard copy prints.

Some of the newer services include: scanning of slides or hard copy material to include into PowerPoint presentations and video capture of still frames from video.

Scott Dornblaser, Photographer; Darla Molnar, Director; and Carol Varma, Graphics Specialist are located in the General Services Building at the Cedar Crest and I78 site. Hours are from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. They can be contacted at 402-8511.

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Tumor Board Schedule

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January

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SUND	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
31					New Year's Day	1 2
3	12 Noon C/R Tumor Board - JDMCC - CR1 A/B	4 7 am Surgical Grand Rounds - CC-Aud 8am Pediatric Grand Rounds - 17-Aud 12 Noon Medical Grand Rounds CC-Aud	5	6 12 Noon Combined Tumor Board - JDMCC - CR1 A/B	7 7am OBGYN Grand Rounds - 17 Aud 12 Noon Pediatric Noon Conf - 17 Aud 12 Noon Breast Tumor Board - JDMCC- CR1 A/B	8 9
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Please Print or Type

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone
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Position/Occupation _____

Social Security # _____

Please register me for the course indicated below with a ✓.

PALS Provider

- ☐ February 24 & 25, 1999
- ☐ April 7 & 8, 1999
- ☐ May 5 & 6, 1999
- ☐ June 24 & 25, 1999
- ☐ September 29 & 30, 1999
- ☐ December 1 & 2, 1999

PALS Provider Renewal

- ☐ January 27, 1999
- ☐ May 19, 1999
- ☐ June 9, 1999
- ☐ October 20, 1999

(Tuition fee and course pre-requisite documentation must be enclosed.)

Make checks payable to the **GEM-Emergency Medicine Institute**.
Please call if you wish to pay by VISA or MASTERCARD.

Please return completed form and tuition to:

GEORGE E. MOERKIRK EMERGENCY MEDICINE INSTITUTE
ATTN: PALS Program
Lehigh Valley Hospital
JDMCC-Suite 214
P.O. Box 689
Allentown, PA 18105-1556

Please visit us at our web site under LVHHN.ORG. On-line registration is available. If you need additional assistance or have any questions, please contact us by calling (610) 402-7150.

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PALS COURSES 1999

The founder of the Emergency Medicine Institute of the Lehigh Valley Hospital, the late George E. Moerkirk, M.D., F.A.C.S., had a strong commitment to the development of a PALS training program. The Institute dedicates this PALS program to Dr. Moerkirk and the children of the Lehigh Valley.

PALS PROGRAM DIRECTOR

John F. McCarthy, D.O.
Chief, Prehospital Emergency Medical Services
Medical Director University MedEvac and GEM-EMI
Lehigh Valley Hospital
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George E. Moerkirk Emergency Medicine Institute

COURSE COORDINATOR

Joseph Rycek, R.N., C.E.N., CCRN, PHRN
University MedEvac Flight Nurse
Lehigh Valley Hospital

PURPOSE

The PALS program was developed jointly by AHA and the American Academy of Pediatrics. The PALS course provides education for medical personnel actively involved in pediatric emergency care. All courses are taught to the standards of the AHA.

ACCREDITATION

The Lehigh Valley Hospital is accredited by the Pennsylvania Medical Society to sponsor continuing medical education programs.

The Lehigh Valley Hospital designates this continuing medical education activity for 16 credit hours in Category 1 of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association and the Pennsylvania Medical Society membership requirement and the PALS renewal for 8 contact hours.

All faculty participating in continuing medical education programs sponsored by the Lehigh Valley Hospital are to disclose to the program audience any real or apparent conflict(s) of interest related to the content of their presentation(s).

Lehigh Valley Hospital is an approved PSNA provider for Continuing Education credits. The PALS provider course is approved for 16.4 contact hours, and the PALS renewal course is approved for 8.6 contact hours.

Lehigh Valley Hospital is an approved State of Pennsylvania prehospital continuing education sponsor. Credits for Paramedics and Prehospital RN's have been approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Health EMS office.

GROUP COURSES

Arrangements for a course for a particular group can be made through our office.

PALS PROVIDER COURSE

Course Pre-Requisites

Evidence of successful completion of a Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR course (AHA Professional, D, or ARC Professional Rescuer are acceptable). This information must be forwarded to the GEM-EMI along with the registration form prior to enrollment.

Course Content:

A specific course emphasizing the early recognition and management of the critically ill and or injured child.

This course utilizes lecture, interactive discussion, case study presentation, and hands on skill and practice teaching stations to assist the student participant in learning the material.

Course Content Topics:

Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC)
Early Recognition of Respiratory Failure and Shock.
Pediatric Basic Life Support
Airway and Ventilation
Vascular Access, IO, and Fluid Therapy
Cardiac Rhythm Disturbances
Trauma Resuscitation
Newborn Resuscitation
Post Resuscitation
Stabilization and Transport
Ethical/Legal Aspects of Pediatric Resuscitation
Course concludes with evaluation through written and practical sessions.

PALS PROVIDER RENEWAL COURSE

Course Pre-Requisites

The AHA AAP Program recommends renewal within 2 years.
Pre-requisites include current PALS provider status and completion of a (CPR) Basic Life Support Course within 2 years. A copy of your current PALS and CPR cards with expiration date shown must accompany this registration form. A specific course for the appointment of those who have previously completed the full PALS provider course. Participants will be given the opportunity to refresh practical skills prior to demonstrating cognitive and practical expertise through a written and performance evaluation.

PALS INSTRUCTOR COURSES

Please call the GEM-EMI at (610) 402-7150 for additional information if you are interested in attending a PALS instructor course.

AHA DISCLAIMER

The American Heart Association strongly promotes knowledge of and proficiency in the PALS course and has developed instruction material for this purpose. Although recognized by the AHA, the AHA does not receive any income from fees charged for this course.

COURSES

PALS Provider (7:45 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.)

- ° February 24 & 25, 1999
- ° April 7 & 8, 1999
- ° May 5 & 6, 1999
- ° June 24 & 25, 1999
- ° September 29 & 30, 1999
- ° December 1 & 2, 1999

PALS Provider Renewal (7:45 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.)

- ° January 27, 1999
- ° May 19, 1999
- ° June 9, 1999
- ° October 20, 1999

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location

PALS courses will be held at the 1251 Building, Suite 308C, located across the street from the Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78.

Registration

Advanced registration is requested no later than three (3) weeks prior to the first day of the course. Early registration is advised to allow time to receive pre-course materials. Registration will be closed when maximum enrollment is reached. Course pre-requisites must be met by all applicants.

The course materials will be mailed to the registrant prior to the beginning of the course.

Tuition

Provider Course

\$150.00 for physicians and \$125.00 for physician assistants and nurses
\$100.00 for paramedics and other allied health professionals

Renewal Course

\$100.00 for physicians and \$75.00 for physician assistants and nurses
\$50.00 for paramedics and other allied health professionals

Includes cost of instruction, course and handout materials, and nutritional breaks.

Cancellation Policy

Tuition minus \$25.00 administration fee is fully refundable if cancellation is received (10) business days prior to the course. No refund if cancellation notice is not received (10) business days before the course.

Lodging

Overnight accommodations are available to all course participants. They are conveniently located approximately 1 mile from the GEM-EMI at Lehigh Valley Hospital.

For assistance with overnight accommodations, please contact us at ☎ (610) 402-7150.

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Tuition

Includes cost of instruction, course and handout materials, nutritional breaks, and the use of the Actronics, Inc. Computerized Interactive Video Learning System with the AHA: CPR/ACLS course ware.

Renewal Course

\$100.00 for physicians
\$ 75.00 for physician assistants and nurses
\$ 50.00 for paramedics and other allied health professionals

Provider Course

\$150.00 for physicians
\$125.00 for physician assistants and nurses
\$ 60.00 for paramedics and other allied health professionals

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Appointment

Participants successfully completing the ACLS Provider or Renewal Course shall be valid in ACLS according to the American Heart Association standards for a maximum of two years.

Accreditation

The Lehigh Valley Hospital is accredited by the Pennsylvania Medical Society to Sponsor continuing medical education programs.

The Lehigh Valley Hospital designates this continuing medical education activity for (15) credit hours in Category 1 of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association and the Pennsylvania Medical Society membership requirement and the ACLS renewal for 7 credit hours.

All faculty participating in continuing medical education programs sponsored by the Lehigh Valley Hospital are to disclose to the program audience any real or apparent conflict(s) of interest related to the content of their presentation(s).

Lehigh Valley Hospital is an approved PSNA provider for Continuing Education credits and has approved 17.2 credit hours for the provider course, 8.7 credit hours for the renewal course, and 23.4 contact hours for the extended track course.

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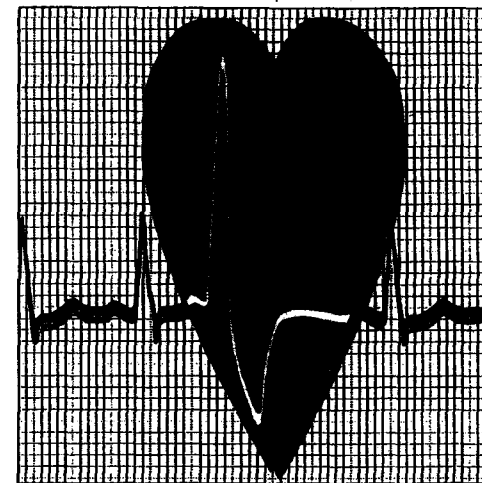
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Lehigh Valley Hospital
Allentown, Pennsylvania

FACULTY

The faculty is composed of ACLS certified instructors, physicians, and other health professionals.

PURPOSE

The ACLS course provides educational training for medical personnel actively involved in emergency cardiac care. All courses are taught to the standards of the American Heart Association. The George E. Moerkirk Emergency Medicine Institute sponsors ACLS provider and renewal as well as ACLS instructor courses.

COMPUTER ASSISTED INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

The EMI is pleased to offer the Actronics, Inc. Video Learning System. This self-paced, user-friendly, computer assisted instructional program is available to students in both BLS and ACLS courses before, during, or remedial study after enrolled courses. The program augments the ACLS textbook. To schedule the use of the (CAI) Learning System, please contact the GEM-EMI at (610) 402-5477.

Please visit us at our web site under LVHHN.ORG. On-line registration is available. If you need additional assistance or have any questions, please contact us by calling (610) 402-7150.

INSTRUCTOR COURSES

Please call the GEM-EMI at (610) 402-7150 for additional information if you are interested in attending an ACLS instructor course.

ACLS PROVIDER RENEWAL COURSE

Course Pre-requisites:

Current ACLS Provider status and Basic Life Support (BLS). A copy of your current ACLS and BLS card with expiration date shown must accompany registration form.

A specific course for the reappointment of those who have previously completed the full ACLS Provider Course. Participants will be given the opportunity to refresh practical skills prior to demonstrating cognitive and practical expertise through a written examination and performance at skill stations.

ACLS PROVIDER COURSE

Course Pre-requisites:

Current provider status in Basic Life Support (BLS). A copy of current BLS card with expiration date shown must accompany registration form. The current AHA ACLS Case based instruction and evaluation format will be utilized.

Course Content:

- ▶ ACLS Universal Algorithm
- ▶ The ACLS Cases
- ▶ Respiratory Arrest With A Pulse
- ▶ Witness VF Adult Cardiac Arrest
- ▶ Mega VF: Refractory VF/Pulseless VT
- ▶ Pulseless Electrical Activity
- ▶ Asystole
- ▶ Adult Acute Myocardial Infarction
- ▶ Bradycardia
- ▶ Unstable Tachycardia - Electrical Cardioversion
- ▶ Stable Tachycardia
- ▶ Review of Cardiopharmacology
- ▶ Review of Basic CPR Skills/Integration With Automated External Defibrillation
- ▶ Special Resuscitation Situation
- ▶ Acute Coronary Syndromes and Stroke

Integrated case management, discussion sessions and practical work at skill stations are used to emphasize course content. The course materials will be mailed to the registrants prior to the beginning of the course.

ACLS "EXTENDED TRACK" PROVIDER COURSE

This (10) week course is offered for those participants who feel that they may benefit from a slower paced ACLS course.

LOCATION OF COURSES

ACLS courses will be held at the 1251 Building Suite 308 C which is located across the street from the hospital.

REGISTRATION

Please Print or Type

Name _____

Social Security # _____

Position/Occupation _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

Please register me for the course indicated below.
(Tuition fee and course pre-requisite documentation must be enclosed.)

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COURSES

ACLS Provider (7:45 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.)

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| △ February 18 & 19, 1999 | △ September 23 & 24, 1999 |
| △ April 15 & 16, 1999 | △ October 28 & 29, 1999 |
| △ June 17 & 18, 1999 | △ December 9 & 10, 1999 |

ACLS Renewal (7:45 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.)

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| △ January 29, 1999 | △ September 10, 1999 |
| △ March 31, 1999 | △ October 8, 1999 |
| △ May 21, 1999 | △ November 2, 1999 |
| △ June 4, 1999 | |

ACLS "Long Track" (8:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.)

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| △ January 11, 1999 - March 15, 1999 |
| △ September 13, 1999 - November 15, 1999 |

Please return completed form, along with tuition and copies of necessary course pre-requisite documents to:

GEORGE E. MOERKIRK EMERGENCY MEDICINE INSTITUTE
ATTN: ACLS Course Program
Lehigh Valley Hospital
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